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Place Fell

Starting point and OS Grid reference	St Patricks Church, Patterdale (NY 393162)
Ordnance Survey map	OL5 The English Lakes, North Eastern Area
Distance	7.35
Traffic light rating	

Introduction: Many people's reaction to suggesting a walk on Place Fell tends to be where? It is an underrated fell no doubt because most of the people heading down Patterdale where it starts have only Striding Edge in their sights. Place Fell heads off in the opposite direction and actually affords great views of the entire Striding Edge/Helvellyn/Swirral Edge round – take binoculars to get the best of it – and views of Ullswater. The walk is relatively easy with no unpleasant surprises and a good walk for beginners/children.

Parking can be a problem in Patterdale at peak times. There is a large pay and display car park at Glenridding and a free car park to the north eastern side of the A592 opposite the Patterdale Hotel. For ease of reference, the walk starts at St. Patrick's Church (NY 393162).

Start: With the church at your back, turn right and walk along the A592 footpath. Turn left into a side road (NY 398158) and immediately over a bridge which crosses Goldrill Beck and goes to the hamlet of Rooking. At the hamlet, bear left and look out for a finger post to Boredale Hause which takes you to the right along a clear track (NY 401162).

Continue gently climbing along this track for almost half a mile then bear left for the Hause. The Hause has lush green grass and you may see ponies grazing. A left turn here (NY 407158) leads you on a steady climb to the trig point on top of Place Fell (NY 406170).

There is a curving path from here which leads to a rock called The Knight but it is quite easy to get sidetracked on to a path which leads down to Birk Fell. A more certain way is to head north east directly from the trig. point gradually descending to Low Moss (NY 414179). Here the path divides and you should take the left fork. At the next fork (NY 413185), go left again. On reaching the broad track which follows the lakeshore (a little higher than the lake) (NY 417192) turn left.

Follow the lakeshore on the undulating path. A quarter of a mile after reaching the end of the lake, turn right at Side Farm (NY 398163) and follow the track back to the main road. Turn right and St Patrick's Church is a few yards further on, on the left.

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